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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT : Senior Staff Meeting

1. This will confirm my oral suggestion made to [REDACTED] some time ago regarding the CIA History. This is not a matter on which I have any special plan to make, but one on which I believe the group should be briefed by responsible parties. In short, can we get clarification on:

The status of the CIA History?

Where the program is headed and why?

What can and should we as individual operating officials be doing in support of the program?

2. These questions come to mind because it seems to me that little is done currently to record accurately the "why" of changes in our organization and in the community. Some of these changes have come about as a result of the revision of NSCIDs and DCIDs, for example. It is a simple matter for people involved to cooperate with historians while recollections are yet clearly in mind. As time passes, recollections dim and indeed in many cases the people most directly involved are no longer available at all.

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